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SUBJECT: IRAQI- LEBANESE RELATIONS

1. GOI VALIDATING IRAQI PASSPORTS FOR LEBANON ON MAY 15. RESTRICTION COMES JUST AS MANY IRAQIS MAKING PLANS FOR USUAL SUMMER VACATIONS AND SHOPPING TRIPS TO LEBANON. MOVE IS APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO PUNISH GOL FOR NOT PAYING GREATER ATTENTION TO IRAQI MEDIATOR, ABDUL KHALIQ AL- SAMMARAIE, AND PERHAPS FOR EXPULSION SOME IRAQIS. BAN ON TRADE WITH LEBANON HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ENFORCED SPORADICALLY, BUT COULD BE TIGHTENED AT WILL OF GOI.

2. IRAQI MEDIA CONTINUE TO BE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOL. OFFICIAL AL- JUMHURRIYAH ON MAY 17 COMPARED LEBANONS " MASSACRE AGAINST PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT" TO THAT OF JORDAN. INA REPORTED ON MAY 18 THAT US MILITARY AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN BEIRUT MAY 15 WITH MACHINE GUNS FOR GOL AND THAT 50 AMERICAN TANKS ALSO SOON TO ARRIVE IN BEIRUT. INA ALSO SAID AMERICAN AND
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BRITISH DIPLOMATIC DEPENDENTS ARE BEING EVACUATED,
WHICH PRESAGES NEW OPERATIONS AGAINST PALESTINIANS.
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